

are over 30 undergraduate degrees offered and 11 masters degree programs. The university also operates a continuing education program with evening and weekend classes. The study abroad program is nationally recognized and offers students the opportunity to study in a foreign land. U.S. News and World Report has ranked Arcadia in the top twenty regional universities in the North. The school attained university status in 2000 after completing requirements to attain the new name.

Arcadia University has been a premier institution in Pennsylvania for many years. Our community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educational presence in our area. I am honored to celebrate this special day with Arcadia University.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E.
LEONARD, OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William E. Leonard, of the Inland Empire of California, on the occasion of the dedication of the William E. Leonard Interchange (the Interchange of the 210 and I-15). Mr. Leonard was instrumental in the design and funding of this freeway (extension of the Foothill Freeway).

William has a long history of involvement in California transportation issues. He served as a member of the California State Highway Commission from 1973 to 1977 and on the California Transportation Commission from 1985 to 1993. He served as Chairman of the California Transportation Commission in 1990 and 1991. He also currently serves on the state's High-Speed Rail Authority.

William received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley.

He served his country during World War II in the Philippines and Japan with the First and Seventh Cavalry Divisions, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant.

William's productive career includes founding and operating the Leonard Realty and Building Company since 1946, as well as developing, owning, and operating various city auto parks, apartment complexes, land subdivisions, and the San Bernardino public golf course.

William also has served his community and state as a member and chairman of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation; a trustee of the St. Bernadine's Hospital Foundation; and member and past chairman of the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation; a member of the board of the Water Commission of the City of San Bernardino; a member and past director of the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce; a member and past director of the San Bernardino Valley Board of Realtors; a past director, president, and chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Orange Show; a founding member and president of Inland Action; a member and president of the San Bernardino Host Lions; a member of the Bank of America Inland Division Advisory Board; a member and past chairman of the Security Pacific Bank Inland Division Advisory Board; and a member, treasurer, and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino.

William was honored by the Valley Group with its Excellence in Infrastructure Award; by the East Inland Empire Association of Realtors with its President's Exceptional Service Award; by the Boy Scouts of America's California Inland Empire Council with its Distinguished Citizen's Award; and by the Historical and Pioneer Society with its Citizen of the Year Award.

As the California State Legislature noted, as a result of his tireless hard work and unwavering commitment to the State of California and to his local community in San Bernardino County and the Inland Empire, William E. Leonard has succeeded in compiling an impressive record of personal and civic achievement, a record that has earned for him the admiration and respect of those persons who have the privilege of associating with him.

It is a pleasure to salute William and to join with his family in offering congratulations and good wishes on this happy occasion. This interchange dedication is something that William has earned over a lifetime of achievement, distinction, and public service.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Olver/Gilchrest amendment to strike the provision prohibiting funds from being spent to implement the Kyoto treaty on global warming.

The Bush Administration's stance on the Kyoto treaty has called the United States' credibility into jeopardy. Because of this Administration's denial of the Kyoto treaty, the U.S. has become the laughing stock of the world and—more importantly—we have seriously put into question our leadership role on global warming and environmental issues.

This amendment would allow for the U.S. to stay involved in negotiations and send a strong message to the world that—although the President has given up on this important agreement—this nation and its other leaders have not.

I encourage my colleagues to support his amendment and commend Mr. Olver and Mr. Gilchrest for their important amendment, which will help to ensure the United States' environmental leadership position.

THE PILOT RANGE WILDERNESS ACT

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce the Pilot Range Wilderness Act which designates lands within the Pilot Peak range as wilderness.

My home state of Utah is blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery this country has to offer. While we often disagree on the best way to preserve these lands for future generations, sometimes those disagreements are used by outside groups to infer that there is only one way to protect these lands and that is wilderness designation. I have often disagreed with those that take this position, and on occasion with great fervor. I believe all of us agree that preservation is, indeed, a noble goal. Many of my friends from the east come to Utah, see the wonders of nature we have there, and want so much to protect it that they advocate placing a good deal in not all of its into wilderness.

Wilderness designation taken to the extreme would severely harm the local economies and restrict the ability of land managers and local governments to best manage these lands. However, there are certain areas where wilderness is the best way to assure the preservation of the land's natural beauty and the unique historical and geological nature of these lands. One of those areas in Utah is the Pilot Range in the west desert of Box Elder County. With that in mind, I am proud to introduce a bill which would classify certain areas in the Pilot Range as wilderness.

Mr. Speaker, when one hears the great conservationists of our day speak of the natural treasures of this nation, one could very well be hearing a description of the Pilot Range. The top of the range provides a majestic view of the sun rising over the Rocky Mountains and Great Salt Lake in the East as well as the spectacular view of sunsets across the flats of Nevada. Elk and deer roam the valleys and canyons of the range, and threatened cutthroat trout makes its home in the Bettridge Creek, the largest in the range.

This is land rugged enough to test the mettle of any hearty adventurer. These mountains served as a guide to the Donner Party as they crossed the great salt flats of the Great Basin. Its streams and springs provided refreshment and a place of refuge for weary travelers. When standing on these peaks, as I have done many times, one can sense the solitude that very few places in this country can match. As wilderness, this land will continue to offer those willing to challenge its rugged terrain a breathtaking view of nature's glory, as well as multiple recreational opportunities, such as hiking, camping and horseback riding.

Given the fact that these lands are adjacent to the Utah Test and Training Range, we have gone to great lengths to ensure that wilderness designation and the role and mission of the UTTR remains compatible. We have worked to ensure that valid existing rights and the traditional and historical use of these lands is protected while removing any remaining obstacles to wilderness designation.

I was proud to introduce the Utah Wilderness Act in 1984. In my 21 years in Congress,